GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3786
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APPLICATION OF WIDOW DEALERS PENDING WITH OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the applications of widow dealers/ distributors for inducting the eligible financial partners are kept pending for approval by IOC, HPCL and other Oil corporations which lead to benamioperations;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to direct the oil corporations to takedecision and inform the applicant within the prescribed period failing which the same shall be deemed to be approved for the sake of saving dealers/distributors from blackmailing etc.; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to issue necessary directions to the oil corporations to clear the applications within a limited period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The Government have delegated the powers for reconstitution of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships including those belonging to widows subject to certain norms to the Oil Marketing Companies.However, as per the existing policy, the deserving cases which are not strictly covered under the guidelines, may be referred by the Oil Companies to the Government for decision. A decision is taken on the merits of each case. All the Oil Marketing Companies follow the guidelines for reconstitution of dealerships/distributorships issued by the Government.

(b)&(c): There is no proposal as such at present.